

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the application. In reply to a previous restriction/election requirement, in order to comply with the requirements for a responsive reply, Applicants had provisionally elected group I (claims 1-12) for prosecution on the merits if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In the present Action, just as in the immediately preceding Action, the Examiner continues to mischaracterize the Applicants' previous reply by asserting that Applicants have elected with traverse these claims. This is not correct. Applicants elected these claims provisionally, and the Examiner has the duty to fully respond the Applicants' detailed arguments for the continued prosecution of all claims on the merits before making the restrictions requirement final (which the Examiner has failed to do in the present Action). Applicants thus continue to traverse the Examiner's withdrawal of claims 13-27 and respectfully request the Examiner to reinstate these claims in the application, and further to examine these claims on their merits or alternatively to provide a cogent response to Applicants' previous arguments.

Claims Rejection

Claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,757,830 to Tarbotton, and claims 6 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of the same. In particular, the Examiner finds that, with regard to claim 1, Tarbotton discloses storing an e-mail in a compartment in dirty mail store 16, and a compartmented operating system in AV sys. In their previous reply, Applicants explained that Tarbotton does not teach nor render obvious the use of a compartmented operating system. The Examiner replies in the instant Action that the broad language of the claims can be interpreted as reading upon the system of Tarbotton. Applicants respectfully disagree but, in the interest of passing this case to issue, have amended the independent claims to specifically recite the features of the claimed compartmented operating system. Support for these amendments may be found, *inter alia*, on page 6, lines 1-28, of the originally filed specification.

Thus, as previously submitted, Tarbotton does not in fact anticipate the present claims because Tarbotton does not teach nor make obvious the use of a compartmented operating system of the type having mandatory access controls to each of a plurality of predetermined resources of the computing platform hosting the operating system enforced by a kernel of the operating system to ensure that resources from one compartment of the operating system cannot interfere with resources from another compartment of the operating system, as claimed herein.

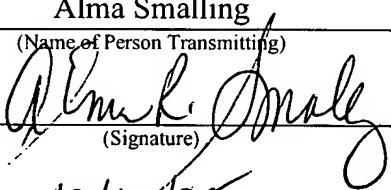
In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue with all 27 originally filed claims.

Applicants also note on the record that they do not agree with the Examiner's Official Notice regarding e-mail security tags nor with the Examiner's reasoning regarding the obviousness of using such tags with the system of Tarbotton, but do not specifically comment on these because the Examiner's rejections are rendered moot by the present amendments.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 08-2025. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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